

Community Corrections Partnership (CCP)
 Executive Committee Meeting
 January 20, 2021
 Teleconference and GoToMeeting Participation Only

MEMBERS	Title of Agency	Present	Absent
Tracie Neal	Chief Probation Officer – Chairman	X	
Bill Schueller	City of Redding Chief of Police	X	
Eric Magrini	Shasta County Sheriff	X	
Stephanie Bridgett	Shasta County District Attorney	X	
William Bateman	Shasta County Public Defender	X	
Melissa Fowler-Bradley	Shasta County Superior Court – a presiding judge or designee of the superior court	X	
Donnell Ewert	HHSA – the head of the county department of mental health	X	

Attendees:

Chelsey Chappelle, Erin Bertain, Eric Jones, Carol Ulloa, Teresa Skinner, Dominic Evanzia – Shasta County Probation Department
 Benjamin Hanna, Angie Mellis – District Attorney’s Office
 Amanda Lightfoote, Tara Levin – GEO Reentry
 Melissa Field – Shasta County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA)
 Joseph Johnson – BI Incorporated
 Penny Mossman – One Safe Place
 Steve Kohn – Member of the Public

Meeting Overview

The meeting was called to order at 2:32 p.m. A quorum was present. Introductions were made.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

William Bateman moved to approve the November 12, 2020 minutes. Stephanie Bridgett seconded the motion. Motion passed: 6 Ayes, 0 Noes (Bill Schueller had not yet arrived to the meeting)

Financial Report

State Allocations to Shasta County

Erin Bertain discussed the State Allocations to Shasta County financial report, stating it has been updated through the December payment and the revenue is still tracking higher than what was

included in the May Revise. She said they are currently tracking at 165% of where they should be based on the budget. She reported the Governor just released the January budget projections for this year and next year, and they are much higher than the projections in the May Revise.

Discussion Items

FY 2021/22 Budget Discussion

Erin Bertain gave an overview of the budget process and reiterated the estimated revenue is coming in higher and those estimates are included in the budget packet. She said the estimated expenditures for FY 20/21 are \$2.3 million under budget and explained that reduction is primarily due to the General Fund picking up half of the CCP budget for the jail, which is anticipated to continue into future years. She added that Probation decreased inpatient treatment spending and held several positions vacant. She said the Sheriff's Office also decreased compliance spending. She said overall the budget requests for FY 21/22 are less than FY 20/21 by almost \$1.5 million, mainly from the reduction in jail costs. She reported that most budgets changed marginally due to salary and benefit increases. She reminded the group that HHSA has only the General Assistance budget, which is based on usage. She said Probation reduced inpatient treatment dollars and reduced staffing positions to partially offset the increases to salaries and benefits. She reported the carryover projections look better than they did at the end of last fiscal year, partially due to the jail being covered by more county dollars and partially due to the increased revenue. She said she did not project any increased revenue for following fiscal years, and the projections assume 100% spending but actual spending tends to be closer to 90%.

Tracie Neal asked about growth funding. Erin Bertain said they will not receive any growth in FY 2020/21 but, based on the projected increase to revenues, they would expect to see some growth in the following fiscal year and hopefully ongoing from there.

Bill Schueller joined the meeting at 2:47 pm.

Donnell Ewert said the budget looked fantastic and gave kudos for securing support for the jail to create sustainability. Tracie Neal said the next step would be for Erin to finalize the budget for them to vote on in February. The group agreed that the budget looked good and they could move forward in February.

Action Items

Global Positioning Satellite (GPS)

Tracie Neal introduced the item stating they previously discussed keeping the item on the agenda so it could continue to be monitored. Carol Ulloa said they have not been having any issues with the newer models. Eric Magrini agreed saying he has heard no complaints.

Erin Bertain said they processed the amendment to the agreement in January to officially lower the rates for the LOC8 and a refund will be expected for the previous months. She said during November and December, Probation moved entirely to the LOC8 device, and the Sheriff's office

is utilizing LOC8 92% of the time. She stated the overall usage is up for Probation and down for the Sheriff's Office. She reported a Request for Proposals for the next contract cycle has been issued and is scheduled to close February 4th.

CCP Annual Report FY 2019/20

Dominic Evanzia said the report is similar to last year with a few changes based on the updated Public Safety Realignment Plan. He noted there was a drop-off in services due to COVID-19. Erin Bertain noted the highlight on page 37 and reported that 650 should be entered in the place of the highlight. Dominic Evanzia noted a correction to a figure title on page 27 which should read "19-20" not "16-20". William Bateman expressed appreciation for the value of the report and noted a typographical error on page 35 with the misspelling of the word "offense".

Donnell Ewert asked what happens after discharge from the DRC. Carol Ulloa explained discharges from the DRC can happen for various reasons including: the offender enters residential treatment, terminates probation, receives new convictions and is no longer under supervision, or absconded and has warrants. She stated many who are discharged from the program are re-enrolled several months later. Tracie Neal added they put a limited amount of DRC information in the report because the DRC has their own detailed annual report. Amanda Lightfoote said the DRC annual report breaks down the discharge types and stated they do ask for Probation to refer individuals back if they are discharged for a negative reason.

Donnell Ewert asked if there has been any change in the percentage of probationers who qualify for residential treatment. Carol Ulloa said starting July 1, 2020, they've used the assigned HHSA staff at the CCC to determine who is eligible for residential treatment to be paid for by Medi-Cal and are working to determine how many who were referred actually attended. Erin Bertain said there has been a significant decrease in inpatient stays paid for by Probation with only one so far this fiscal year. She reported there has been a decrease in sober living stays (not covered by Medi-Cal) as well and they are on track to see their promised reduction in expenses with the biggest decrease in inpatient spending.

Donnell Ewert commented on the reduction in visits to the Alcohol and Drug Advocate and Mental Health Clinician at the CCC in the second part of the year. Carol Ulloa explained the CCC was closed from March 2020 to June 2020. She said the CCC was also closed for parts of November and December 2020, but that would not be included in this report.

Donnell Ewert asked about the impact of COVID on recidivism. Tracie Neal said they are closely watching the accelerated release PRCS population and will be running recidivism on those individuals every six months. Erin Bertain explained the recidivism related to COVID shutdowns is not likely to have been seen by the end of FY 2019/20. She said the courts were closed for a period and then backed-up for a period, so they would anticipate any recidivism during this time would not be reported until FY 2020/21. Melissa Fowler-Bradley clarified the Felony Court did not close. Eric Jones clarified that while the Felony Courts did not close, sentencing was delayed.

Eric Magrini commented on the cost per offender for the DRC. Erin Bertain stated the DRC served 292 individuals, and they look at the recidivism data closely on an annual basis. She said the DRC

recidivism rate is very low, and even those individuals who do not complete the program receive treatment that helps reduce their likelihood to recidivate. Amanda Lightfoote explained the DRC is an intensive program with a lot of dosage for high risk individuals, and the rate covers the cost of all treatment services for participants in the program as well as six months of aftercare. Erin Bertain said the 2019/20 cost per offender is \$4,400. She said the daily rate, based on the number of days billed, is \$26/per day, which is a very good deal given the variety of services they receive and the rapport the DRC staff builds with the individual. Tracie Neal said they do a cost/benefit analysis on the DRC at the close of every fiscal year. Erin Bertain said the saving the county has received since DRC inception for the 645 offenders who received services and have not recidivated, based on the \$109/day cost of a jail bed, is \$25 million.

William Bateman referred to the statistic on page 12 indicating the persons convicted of a felony or misdemeanor while on PRCS supervision is a good one and asked if they had that information for the Formal population. Tracie Neal said they pulled re-alignment data specifically for the report. She clarified for some data points, like jail bookings and terminations, they included the entire population. She said one of the trends they see is the PRCS population will terminate successfully and move on, but the Mandatory Supervision (MS) population is one they continue to struggle with. Eric Jones said it is a system they are still trying to learn. He explained when the MS offenders are out on alternative work program, they don't receive treatment services because they are still technically serving custody time and, in some cases, they will violate their terms and return to custody without ever being supervised by Probation or receiving treatment. Tracie Neal referenced pages 12 and 13 of the report, stating the PRCS population is terminating at a successful rate of about 50%, whereas the MS population is terminating at a successful rate of only about 19%. She added almost half of MS cases terminate unsuccessfully.

Stephanie Bridgett moved to approve the FY 2019/20 CCP Annual Report with changes discussed. William Bateman seconded the motion.
Motion passed: 7 Ayes, 0 Noes.

Operational Updates

Tracie Neal reported the CCP Survey that was approved in November for the planning and implementation dollars was submitted to the BSCC. She said the updated CCP Plan was approved by the Board of Supervisors in December.

Amanda Lightfoote thanked those who joined the virtual graduation ceremony for the Day Reporting Center. She said the event was recorded and she would be happy to forward the link to anyone who is interested in viewing. She said she hopes the next graduation will be in-person.

Future Agenda Items

Tracie Neal said they will be discussing the budget in February, DRC outcomes in March, and the DRC Annual report in June or August. She said they executed the Local Innovation Sub-Account (LIS) contract with the Shasta County Office of Education, have received a report regarding their progress, and intend to have both LIS vendors report out in June or September.

Next Meeting

Tracie Neal stated the next meeting is February 17, 2021.

Adjourn

Eric Magrini motioned to adjourn. William Bateman seconded the motion.
Motion passed: 7 Ayes, 0 Noes.

Meeting adjourned at 3:36 p.m.